--- 50 Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 132 x 16 mm. strip - scanned at 100% scale ---

The **Budget of 1897** increased the excise duty to $ 3.00 per thousand for ***foreign leaf*** cigarettes weighing *less than* three pounds per thousand, and to $ 8.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing *over* three pounds per thousand. The ***red strip*** denotes cigarettes made from a combination of *domestic* and *imported* tobaccos.

★**RC-162** - 50 cigarettes, perf 12, a top pair from Plate No. 1 - plus ***another plain copy***

★**RC-162 SP** - 50 cigarettes, perf 12, rollered **TOBACCO / A-20**, with full gum

★**RC-162 CRP** - 50 cigarettes, perf 12, stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered**

The collection ***does not contain*** a red copy of the *coarse roulette* “Series of 1897” fifty cigarette strip - **WANTED!**

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